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MEMORANDUM FOR: DCPP

SUBJECT: OCB Staff Meeting, 24 September.

1. Morgan called a special meeting at his office at 1000 to review matters bearing on OCB staff organizations. Present were: Morgan, Porter, Radius, Godel and myself. The problem of providing for a planning function, in line with the feelings expressed by the Board on Wednesday was discussed in some detail. The original thought had been that OCB should be prepared to provide a chairman for each of the special panels and working groups set up. Since the Board had accepted the principle of having the chairman in a majority of cases designated by the participating agency principally concerned, it was possible to agree upon a smaller number, and somewhat lower grades for the permanent staff.

2. State expressed some doubt as to whether it would be possible to detail a full time political advisor; FOA reserved judgment with respect to providing an economic advisor. Defense will endeavor to find one broadly qualified representative, but may later change to one from each of the three services, if the volume of technical military problems requires this. I stated that, in view of DCI's agreement with General Smith as to the agency's obligation of providing intelligence support, we would make appropriate arrangements within the near future. (This is a matter which I felt you would prefer to take action, and I accordingly informed [] that you would discuss this with him after your return.)

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3. The somewhat inconclusive nature of this meeting was summarized by [] in an informal chart which he gave me the following day, copy of which is attached. You will note the pencil change which would move the two reports staff analysts over to the special staff, which would include the planning group. The current proposal is that the special staff would consist of a chief, three planning officers, and the two analysts to assist in providing intelligence support. [] explained to me that his hope was to be able to save the two bodies now working with [], as requested by C. D. Jackson. If it should be finalized on this basis, I should expect that they would not be of great functional value to our own designee, but would rather be mainly occupied with special tasks of the type to which they are now assigned. Attached are lists of present PSS personnel, and chairmen of the current working groups.

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Attachments:

1. Chart.
2. List of PSS personnel. Psychological Warfare Division
3. List of Chairmen.

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